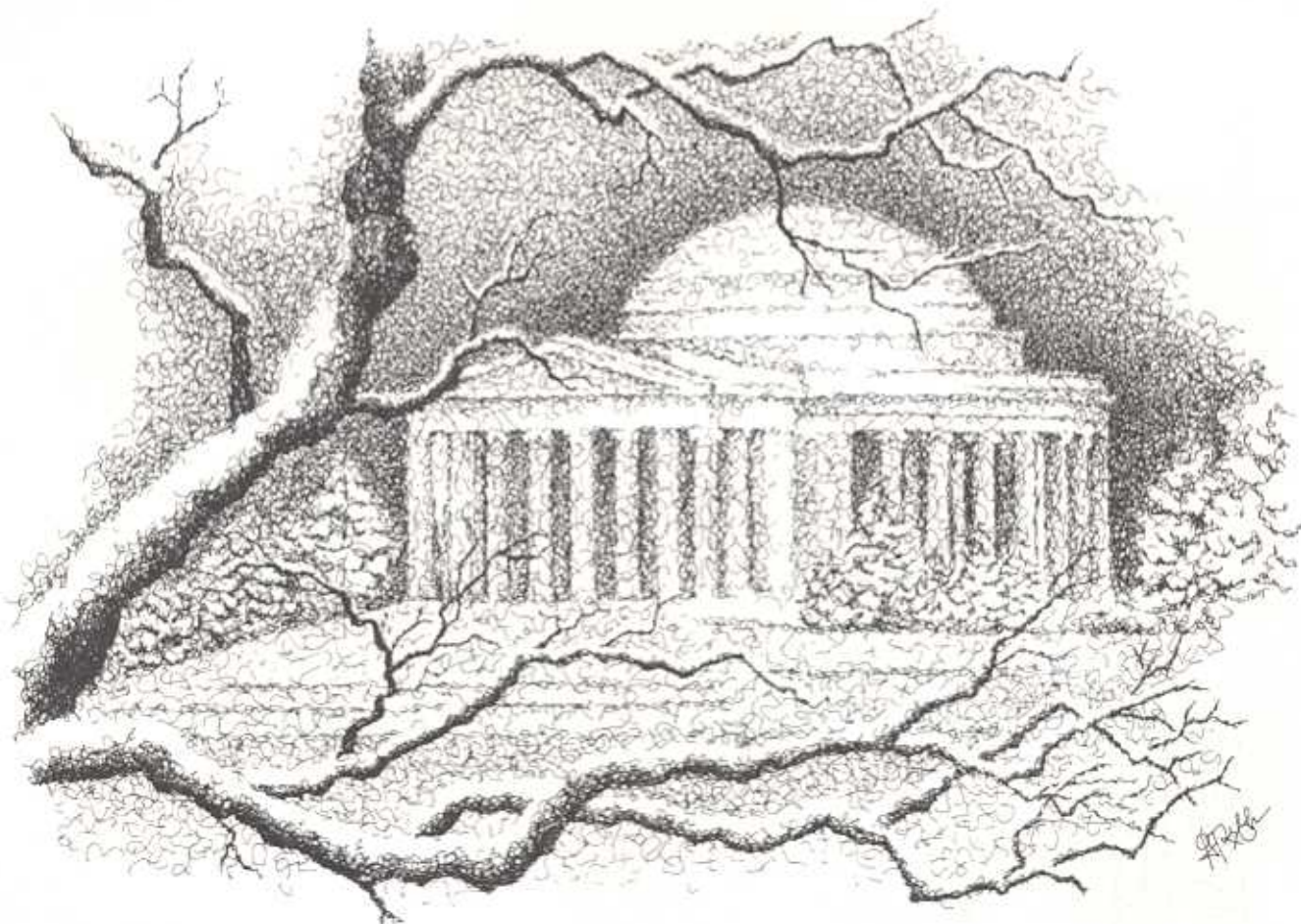




THE FAS LETTER

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SERVICE



Season's Greetings



December, 1974

Dear Friends Overseas:

At the end of a busy year for all of us, it is with the greatest pleasure that I extend warm holiday greetings to all of you who serve at our attache posts.

Many, many thanks to each one of you for your help in promoting the work of FAS and the interests of American agriculture. We at home have appreciated the enthusiasm and devotion of you who represent FAS abroad. I hope our joint efforts during the past year have been as rewarding to you as they have been to me, and I look forward to even greater achievements in 1975.

As we celebrate the holiday season, our wish to you and your families is for happy holidays, and a bright and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Dave Hume



RICHARD SMITH NAMED ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR MANAGEMENT

Richard A. Smith, agricultural attache to Mexico since 1971, has been named Assistant Administrator for Management. He succeeds Kenneth F. McDaniel, who has retired after 37 years of government service.

Dick has been back from Mexico since July, coordinating FAS participation for the World Food Conference, which was held recently in Rome. He was one of three FAS members of the Department of Agriculture's delegation to the Conference.

In addition to assignment in Mexico, Dick's overseas experience includes stints as ag attache in Bogota (1966-69; also assistant attache from 1962-64) and San Salvador (1964-66). From 1969-71 he was Deputy Assistant Administrator for Agricultural Attaches. He has been with FAS since 1959.

In 1967, Dick received a USDA Superior Service Honor Award, and an FAS Certificate of Merit.

He is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, and also received his master's degree from that university.



SECRETARY BUTZ RETURNS FROM ROME

Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz returned to Washington November 17 from Rome, where he served as chairman of the U.S. delegation to the World Food Conference, held from November 5 to 16.

During his two week trip, the Secretary also stopped in Brussels to meet with European Community leaders, including Pierre Lardinois, EC Agricultural Commissioner, and in Cairo and Damascus for discussions with agricultural and trade leaders in Egypt and Syria.

FAS Administrator David Hume, Assistant Administrator for Management Richard Smith, and Director of Information J. Don Looper were three of the Department of Agriculture members of the U.S. delegation, which also included Don Paarlberg, director of agricultural economics; Richard E. Bell, deputy assistant secretary for international affairs and commodity programs; Thomas Cowden, counsellor to the Secretary, and Quentin M. West, administrator, Economic Research Service.

Ambassador Edwin M. Martin, senior adviser to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, was vice-chairman of the delegation. Ann L. Armstrong, counsellor to the President, was also an official representative.

Secretary of State Kissinger addressed the opening session of the conference. Among the subjects discussed by the 120 participating nations were increasing global food production, coordinating food aid efforts, and establishing a Global Information and Early Warning System on Food and Agriculture, and approved the creation of a 25 member World Food Council. The latter organization would have coordinating, consultative, and advisory power with respect to food aid, investment, and other foreign assistance.

The conference was held during a period of rising concern over increasingly critical shortages of food in underdeveloped countries, particularly in regions of Africa and South Asia.

FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES VIEW AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

Sixteen Washington-based Embassy agricultural representatives recently became better acquainted with American agriculture thanks to a recent study tour organized for them by F.A.S.

The six day trip took the agricultural representatives to Richmond, Va.; New Orleans, La.; and Houston, Austin, and Corpus Christi, Texas. The group observed production, processing and marketing facilities for tobacco, cotton, rice, beef, citrus fruits, and vegetables.

Planning and organizing the program was L. J. MacMillan, Representation and Foreign Visitors Staff Coordinator, who with Gerald Shelden, Program Development Branch Chief for Export Trade Services Division accompanied the agricultural representatives on the trip.

Participating in the tour were Patrick Murphy, First Secretary, Embassy of Great Britain; Carl-Olof Janer, Agricultural Attache, Embassy of Sweden; Arnold Parzer, Second Secretary, Embassy of the Netherlands; Manuel Foglio-Carrasco, Agricultural Attache, Embassy of Mexico; Pal Vigh, First Secretary, Embassy of Hungary; Jorge Cazenave, Agricultural Counselor, Embassy of Argentina; Ignacio Badell, Agricultural Attache, Embassy of Spain; Jerzy Rasinski, Agricultural Attache, Embassy of Poland; Poul A. Hansen, Agricultural Attache, Embassy of Denmark; Zimran Hatalung, First Secretary, Embassy of Indonesia; Peter Hildyard, Agricultural Counselor, Embassy of South Africa; Petrus Swart, Agricultural Attache, Embassy of South Africa; John Kepper, First Secretary, Embassy of Canada; Garry Benoit, Second Secretary, Embassy of Canada; and Anastas Kolyanov, Agricultural Counselor, Embassy of Bulgaria.

ROAMING AROUND

Oldrich Fejfar, agricultural officer in Bombay, was in Washington for consultations in early December. Home leave was spent in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

The holiday season is a time for family reunions, and attache families are no exception. **Susan DeCourcy** will be spending her Christmas holiday with parents **John and Ellen Decourcy** in Kuala Lumpur where John is serving as ag attache. After the holidays, Susan will return to her studies at Radford College in Virginia. **Ben Waddle** will be heading for Taipei to spend the holidays with his parents, **Frank and Paula Waddle**, before returning to school at Montgomery College in Maryland. And **Joyce Phillips** will be taking a leave of absence from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah to spend some time with her parents in Islamabad, Pakistan: **Stanley and Florence Phillips**.

Harold Champeau, agricultural officer in Hong Kong, visited the People's Republic of China from October 20 to November 5. He stopped in Canton, Peking, and Shanghai. During his trip, Harold met with Chinese agricultural officials and visited several communes, thus acquiring a first-hand look at Chinese agriculture.

Welcome to **Geraldine Groover**, new secretary in Geneva. While this is Gerry's first foreign assignment for FAS, she is no stranger to overseas work. She has served in Frankfurt, Munich, Stuttgart, Vahlingen, Vienna, Paris and London for the Department of Defense.

Another new FAS overseas secretary is **Shirley Grossman**. She succeeds **Diane Mizakii**, who is leaving FAS to return to school. Shirley has been with FAS since July, and previously worked for the Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of Commerce.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to **Ann Bibbo**, secretary in Tokyo. She is recovering from recent surgery.

Andrea Hungerford is the new secretary in Caracas. She has been working in FAS/W since July, and previously served in Soil Conservation Service in Phoenix, Arizona. Andrea succeeds **Isabel Najera**, who has transferred to the Department of Justice office in Caracas.



AWARD FOR SYBIL JONES . . . Earl D. Sohm, Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy in London, presents Sybil Jones with an FAS Certificate of Merit for Meritorious Step Increase while ag attache Bill Rodman looks on. Sybil is an assistant in the London office.



OUT IN THE FIELD . . . Pictured above are Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Richard Feltner (left) and acting attache to Mexico John Jacobs inspecting corn killed by early September frosts in that country. The inspection trip was one of two field trips the Assistant Secretary made with acting attache Jacobs during his one week stay in Mexico to participate in the Joint Mexican-American Screwworm Commission meetings. Feltner and Jacobs also visited Guadalajara to view several meat processing facilities.

Jennie Keeler, who has been serving as secretary in Geneva since April, 1973, transferred to Beirut in late November. She succeeds **Brownie Brown**, who arrived at her new assignment in Rome earlier this month. Brownie replaces **June Berger**, who is returning to FAS/W.

AWARDS AT THE HAGUE . . . U.S. Ambassador to the Netherlands Kingdon Gould, Jr. (right) is shown presenting FAS Certificates of Merit to Christian M. Langezaal, agricultural assistant, and Carolyn D. Holloway, (second from left) secretary to ag attache Jerome Kuhl. Both Christian and Carolyn received their awards for high quality performances above those ordinarily found in their positions. Also shown is Nancy J. French, secretary to the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy. She was cited for 20 years of Federal service.



Linda Lueders Falck, now in Bonn with her assistant attache husband **Jon**, is working as a teaching assistant at one of the local schools on a voluntary basis. Linda, who majored in German in college, is helping German students prepare for their examinations in English. She reports that she is thoroughly enjoying her work, and being in Bonn.

Midori Oka, of the Tokyo attache office, participated in a three week study tour of the United States and Europe in November. The trip took her to New York, London, Frankfurt, Zurich, and Paris. She hopes that her next trip to the U.S. will allow her time to stop off in Washington.

Another Tokyo staffer who travelled to the United States recently was **Kuniharu Kiyomiya**. His ten day trip included stops in Washington, D.C.; Savannah and Atlanta, Georgia; and Jacksonville, Lakeland, Vero Beach, Port Everglades, Miami, and Gainesville, Florida. Purpose of the trip was to accompany and act as guide and interpreter for the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture team of their investigation on grapefruit handling and fumigation facilities.

Roger Neetz, ag attache to Moscow, stopped in FAS/W to participate in US-USSR Agricultural Commission sessions and for consultations in early December.



Around Washington

Assistant Administrator for Agricultural Attaches **William Horbaly** recently returned from a three week trip to Eastern Europe. The purpose of the trip was to accompany ag attaches **Nicholas Thuroczy** (Austria) and **Jim Hickman** (Yugoslavia) on their initial accreditation visits to the East European countries where they are assigned as non-resident attaches. Nick will be covering Hungary and Czechoslovakia as well as Austria, while Jim has assumed reporting responsibilities for Rumania as well as for Yugoslavia.

Among the topics discussed with agricultural and trade officials in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and Rumania were the exchange of agricultural data and information, grain reserves, and future trade relations. The meetings were arranged by American Embassy officials in Budapest, Prague, and Bucharest.

Bill reports that the meetings with the officials in all three countries were friendly and open. The officials were enthusiastic about having American agricultural attaches assigned to their countries, and expressed hopes for eventual assignment of resident attaches, in view of rapidly expanding East-West trade relations.

Western Hemisphere Area Officer **Bill Dobbins** returned on December 13 to FAS/W from South America. He was on an annual supervisory trip to our South American posts.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Paul Taggart, former ag attache and area officer, has been catching up on relaxing since his retirement from FAS in 1970. Mrs. Taggart, however, has been busy teaching gem identification to adults through the Montgomery County Adult Education program, and has been designing jewelry in her spare time. As a member of the Gem Club, she has traveled to Kenya, and Tanzania, as well as to Russia and Yugoslavia. In the meantime, Paul has been attending various meetings at USDA, as well as getting out on the golf course several times a week.

Another former ag attache and Area Officer, **Jim Gehr**, has begun a new career at his home in sunny Clearwater, Florida. He is selling real estate in a condominium community designed and constructed by Hallmark of Florida, Inc.

TV Celebrity Department: **Horace Davis**, former Assistant Administrator for Ag Attaches, and attache to India, was a guest on the recently telecast NBC program "Who Shall Feed Them?" Horace discussed the agricultural situation in India.

We'd like very much to hear more from those of you who have escaped the 8:30 to 5:00 routine. Tell us what has been happening with you and your family by dropping us a line at room 5080-South.



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? . . . FAS new professionals observe ornamental horticulture facilities on a one day field trip to the Beltsville Research Center. This was the first of a series of planned field trips scheduled over the next year to give new FAS professionals a first hand look at various aspects of U.S. agriculture.

Roaming Around Continued

Richard Welton, assistant attache in Spain, will be arriving in Mexico City in early January to take up duties as ag attache there. He succeeds **Dick Smith**, who has been named Assistant Administrator for Management in FAS/W.

Thelma Leaman, secretary in Bogota, was in the area during part of November and all of December for home leave. She visited her two sisters in Bethesda, Md. Thelma will return to post in early January.

Dick Barnes, assistant attache in Caracas, will be heading to Madrid to take up assistant attache duties there. Succeeding Dick in Caracas is **James Willis**. Jim has been filling as assistant attache in Mexico since July. Prior to his Mexico stint, he was assistant attache in Buenos Aires.

QUINCY EWING, FORMER FAS INFORMATION OFFICER, DIES

Quincy Ewing, who retired as chief of FAS's Current information Branch in 1965, died on November 23. He was 71 years old.

Quincy came to USDA in 1939 after having worked on the state wire and as night editor for the Associated Press in Louisiana. He was a public information specialist for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the War Food Administration before coming to FAS.

At FAS, Quincy edited "Foreign Crops and Markets," and "World Agricultural Situation." From 1950 to 1965 he also served as information director for the International Cotton Advisory Committee's tri-annual world conferences.

He is survived by a son, Quincy Ewing II of Damascus, Maryland, and two grandchildren.



THOMASSON DOLL COLLECTION ATTRACTS ATTENTION . . .

Maxine Thomasson, wife of ag attache to Tokyo Larry Thomasson, and daughters Susan (left), Elaine and Emilie are shown here with some of the dolls in their doll collection. Maxine was recently interviewed by a representative of the doll industry in Japan for an article in a Japanese trade magazine.

Also pictured here is the Thomasson's poodle, Gigi, being held by Susan.





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Good Will to Men